

States Code, is amended by striking subsection (k).

(s) NEEDS SURVEY; TRANSFERABILITY REPORT.—Section 5335 of title 49, United States Code, as amended by this section, is further amended by striking subsections (c) and (d).
SEC. 1502. REPORTS MODIFIED.

(a) COAST GUARD REPORT ON MAJOR ACQUISITION PROJECTS.—Section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (106 Stat. 1551) is amended—

(1) by striking “quarterly” and inserting “biannual”; and

(2) in the last proviso, by striking “preceding quarter” and inserting “preceding 6-month period”.

(b) HIGHWAY REPORT.—Section 307(h) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking “January 1983, and in January of every second year thereafter” and inserting “March 1998, and in March of every second year thereafter”.

(c) AVIATION SECURITY REPORT.—Section 44938 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “annually” and inserting “biennially”.

(d) REPORT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.—Section 308(e)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “in January of each even-numbered year” and inserting “in March 1998, and in March of each even-numbered year thereafter”.

(e) NATIONAL BALLAST INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.—Section 1102(f)(2) of the Non-Indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4712(f)(2)) is amended by striking “biannual” and inserting “biennial”.

TITLE XVI—NOAA

SEC. 1601. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) REPORT CONCERNING PRICES FOR NAUTICAL AND AERONAUTICAL PRODUCTS.—Section 1307(a)(2)(A) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

(b) REPORT ON NATIONAL SHELLFISH RESEARCH PROGRAM.—Section 308 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (33 U.S.C. 1251 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d); and
(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively.

(c) GEOSTATIONARY OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITES CERTIFICATION AND REPORT REGARDING TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS.—Subsection (d) of section 105 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-567; 106 Stat. 4273) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), there” and inserting “There”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

(d) NEXT GENERATION WEATHER RADAR SYSTEM CERTIFICATION AND REPORT REGARDING TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS.—Section 102(b) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-567; 106 Stat. 4271) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), there” and inserting “There”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

(e) REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF UNENHANCED DATA FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.—Section 508(d) of the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C. 5658(d)) is amended by striking “, and shall report annually to the Congress on instances of such violations”.

(f) REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CLIMATE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Section 7 of the National Climate Program Act (15 U.S.C. 2906) is repealed.

FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 400, S. 2069.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2069) to permit the leasing of mineral rights in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held in trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. LEASES OF ALLOTTED LANDS OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(A) INDIAN LAND.—The term “Indian land” means an undivided interest in a single parcel of land that—

(i) is located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota; and

(ii) is held in trust or restricted status by the United States.

(B) INDIVIDUALLY OWNED INDIAN LAND.—The term “individually owned Indian land” means Indian land that is owned by 1 or more individuals.

(C) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) EFFECT OF APPROVAL BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may approve any mineral lease or agreement that affects individually owned Indian land, if—

(i) the owners of a majority of the undivided interest in the Indian land that is the subject of the mineral lease or agreement (including any interest covered by a lease or agreement executed by the Secretary under paragraph (3)) consent to the lease or agreement; and

(ii) the Secretary determines that approving the lease or agreement is in the best interest of the Indian owners of the Indian land.

(B) EFFECT OF APPROVAL.—Upon the approval by the Secretary under subparagraph (A), the lease or agreement shall be binding, to the same extent as if all of the Indian owners of the Indian land involved had consented to the lease or agreement, upon—

(i) all owners of the undivided interest in the Indian land subject to the lease or agreement (including any interest owned by an Indian tribe); and

(ii) all other parties to the lease or agreement.

(C) DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds derived from a lease or agreement that is approved by the Secretary under subparagraph (A) shall be distributed to all owners of the Indian land that is subject to the lease or agreement in accordance with the interest owned by each such owner.

(3) EXECUTION OF LEASE OR AGREEMENT BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary may execute a mineral lease or agreement that affects individually owned Indian land on behalf of an Indian owner if—

(A) that owner is deceased and the heirs to, or devisees of, the interest of the deceased owner have not been determined; or

(B) the heirs or devisees referred to in subparagraph (A) have been determined, but 1 or more of the heirs or devisees cannot be located.

(4) PUBLIC AUCTION OR ADVERTISED SALE NOT REQUIRED.—It shall not be a requirement for the approval or execution of a lease or agreement under this subsection that the lease or agreement be offered for sale through a public auction or advertised sale.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This Act supercedes the Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 783, chapter 263; 25 U.S.C. 396) only to the extent provided in subsection (a).

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that the title amendment be agreed to, and that any statements related to the bill appear in the RECORD with the above occurring without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2069), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: A bill to permit the mineral leasing of Indian land located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in any case in which there is consent from a majority interest in the parcel of land under consideration.

U.S. HOLOCAUST ASSETS COMMISSION ACT OF 1998

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 1900) to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1900) entitled “An Act to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998”.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Presidential Commission, to be known as the “Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States” (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Commission”).

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) NUMBER.—The Commission shall be composed of 21 members, appointed in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) APPOINTMENTS.—Of the 21 members of the Commission—

(A) eight shall be private citizens, appointed by the President;

(B) four shall be representatives of the Department of State, the Department of Justice,